



RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE RESOURCES

The Problem with Racism

(This Document Will Be Periodically Revised and Updated)

Build a World of Justice & Righteousness

1. The Color of Compromise | Jemar Tisby: <https://jemartisby.com/the-color-of-compromise>
The Color of Compromise Video Study | Extended Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNmm9cvmxmY>
2. PBS Race – The Power of an Illusion 3 Part Videos: <http://newsreel.org/video/race-the-powerof-an-illusion> OR <http://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/>
PBS What is Race: https://www.pbs.org/race/001_WhatIsRace/001_00-home.htm
3. The Roadmap to Reconciliation | Brenda Salter McNeil: <https://www.saltermcneil.com/roadmap-to-reconciliation>
4. Be the Bridge | Latasha Morrison: <https://bethebridge.com> OR <https://anchor.fm/be-the-bridge>
Racial Reconciliation- Latasha Morrison: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEgskxyA2eE&ab_channel=NationalCommunityChurch
5. Freedom Road | Lisa Sharon Harper: <https://freedomroad.us/who-we-are/> OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q086zhVCq8&ab_channel=FCNL
6. ReNew Partnership: <https://renewpartnerships.org>
7. Through the Eyes of Color | Jude3 Project: <https://learn.jude3project.org/library/through-eyes-of-color-virtual-experience-on-demand-62686/177894/about>
8. Unspoken: <https://jude3project.org/documentaries/unspoken>

9. **Sankofa** | A Journey Toward Racial Righteousness: <https://covchurch.org/mercy-justice/sankofa>
OR <https://sankofaimpact.org/pilgrimage-to-the-south>
10. **CORE** | Community Organization for Racial Equity: <https://www.corenow.org>
11. **Undivided**: <https://undivided.us>
12. **Courageous Conversations About Race** by Glenn E. Singleton
13. **Uncensored** | My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America by Zachary R. Wood
14. **Quiet** | The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
15. **Deep Diversity** | Overcoming Us Vs. Them by Shakil Choudhury
16. **Do the Work!** | An Antiracist Activity Book by W. Kamau Bell, Kate Schatz
17. **How to Be an Antiracist** by Ibram X. Kendi
18. **The Broken Heart of America** | St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States by Walter Johnson
19. **The Fire Next Time** by James Baldwin
20. **Courageous Conversations** | The Tools You Need For the Conversations in the Culture by Yana Conner, Sherelle Ducksworth

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

1. **School Resources for Youth 2020 BLM Curriculum Resource Guide**:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LGslwJwhXvpVnDgw0uC-n794l6EGzpuH>
2. **NEA EdJustice (National Education Association)**: <https://www.nea.org>
3. **BLM Instructional Library (Children's Story)**:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18pOK3roiwPQ9WF7D2wA0o7Ktr8KwAJeZfn-o6O8T_Y/mobilepresent?fbclid=IwAR3hv2P5Yn_gs1TXMAK1BL7vNkc1i3RWQRRQngS-Ghcuf0oWhDJGoldaVs&slide=id.g87f9732047_4_18
4. **Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners** <https://www.common sense media.org/lists/coretta-scott-king-book-award-winners>

5. **How to Fight Racism Young Reader's Edition | A Guide to Standing Up for Racial Justice** by Jemary Tisby
6. **God's Very Good Idea** by Trillia J. Newbell
7. **God Made Me AND You | Celebrating God's Design for Ethnic Diversity** by Shai Linne
8. **My Beautiful Brown Rainbow** by Sharon D. King and Blake Roberts
9. **Raising Little Allies To Be (Children's Resource):** <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:db1fd0ce-b359-430d-9b11-33ebf74e1dd6#pageNum=31>
10. **Something Happened in our Town (Children's Story)** by Marietta Collins, Marianne Celano, Ann Hazzard: https://youtu.be/whR_Jlzknp0
11. **The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson
12. **Teaching Your Child About Black History** <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month>
13. **Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis** by Jabari Asim

NATIONALISM. COLORISM. & CASTE.

1. **Biased | Uncovering the Hidden Prejudices That Shape Our Lives** by Jennifer Eberhardt
2. **Blood at the Root | A Racial Cleansing in America** by Patrick Phillips
3. **Buried in the Bitter Waters | The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America** by Elliot Jaspín
4. **Colorism Healing** by Dr. Sarah L. Webb <https://colorismhealing.com> AND Colorism Database <https://colorismhealing.com/colorism-database>
5. **How to Be Less Stupid About Race** by Crystal M. Fleming
6. **How the Irish Became White (Routledge Classics) 1st Edition** by Noel Ignatiev
7. **Imperial Intimacies | A Tale of Two Islands** by Hazel V. Carby
8. **Me and White Supremacy | Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor** by Layla Saad
9. **Momma, I Wanna Be Light-Skinned** by Rhonda R. Bennett

10. **Mirror to the Church** | Resurrecting Faith after Genocide in Rwanda by Emmanuel M. Katongole, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
11. **Nice Racism** | How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm by Dr. Robin DiAngelo
12. **White Too Long** | The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity by Robert P. Jones
13. **On Privilege, Fraudulence, and Teaching As Learning** | Selected Essays 1981–2019 by Peggy McIntosh
14. **Pathological Whiteness** by Dr Chanequa Walker Barnes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc5VzRLgK_4&t=2s
15. **Racecraft** | The Soul of Inequality in American Life by Barbara J. Fields, Karen E. Fields
16. **Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence** | Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race 1st Edition by Derald Wing Sue
17. **Rediscipling the White Church** | From Cheap Diversity to True Solidarity by David W. Swanson
18. **Robin DiAngelo and Resmaa Menakem** | Towards a Framework for Repair <https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-towards-a-framework-for-repair/#audio>
19. **Stamped** | Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi
20. **Stamped from the Beginning** | The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi
21. **Strange Glory** | A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Charles Marsh
22. **Tears We Cannot Stop** | A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson
23. **The Guide for White Women Who Teach Black Boys** 1st Edition by Eddie Moore The Guide for White Women Who Teach Black Boys 1st Edition by Eddie Moore
24. **The History of White People Reprint Edition** by Nell Irvin Painter
25. **The Racial Healing Handbook** | Practical Activities to Help You Challenge Privilege, Confront Systemic Racism, and Engage in Collective Healing by Anneliese A. Singh PhD LPC, Derald Wing Sue Ph.D., Tim Wise
26. **The Wretched of the Earth** by Frantz Fanon
27. **Uprooting Racism** | How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel

28. **Working Toward Whiteness** | How America's Immigrants Became White: The Strange Journey from Ellis Island to the Suburbs by David R. Roediger
29. **White Awake** by Daniel Hill
30. **White Fragility** | Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Dr. Robin DiAngelo
31. **White Like Me** | Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise
32. **White Privilege** | Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack by Peggy McIntosh
https://psychology.umbc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/57/2016/10/White-Privilege_McIntosh-1989.pdf
33. **White Rage** | The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Divide by Carol Anderson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBYUET24K1c>
34. **Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race** by Reni Eddo-Lodge
35. **Why India's Fair Skin Business Is Booming** by VICE News <https://youtu.be/BLOHSbf9XGI?si=x5QV9r40E1ij3sQy>

MAINLINE CHURCH RACE DILEMMA IN THE U.S.

1. **A Multitude of All Peoples** | Engaging Ancient Christianity's Global Identity by Vince L. Bantu
2. **After Whiteness** | An Education in Belonging (Theological Education between the Times) by Willie James Jennings
3. **Brown Church** | Five Centuries of Latina/o Social Justice, Theology, and Identity by Robert Chao Romero
4. **Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus** | Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance by Reggie L. Williams
5. **Divided by Faith** | Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America by Michael O. Emerson, Christian Smith
6. **Gospel Haymanot** | A Constructive Theology and Critical Reflection on African and Diasporic Christianity by Vince L. Bantu
7. **Jesus and John Wayne** | How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation by Kristin Kobes Du Mez

8. **Just Discipleship** | Biblical Justice in an Unjust World by Michael J. Rhodes
9. **Latina Evangelicas** | A Theological Survey from the Margins by Loida I. Martell-Otero, Zaida Maldonado Perez, Elizabeth Conde-Frazier
10. **Liberating Church: A Twenty-First Century Hush Harbor Manifesto** by Brandon Wrencher, Venneikia Samantha Williams, Lynice Pinkard
11. **Liberty to the Captives** | Our Call to Minister in a Captive World by Raymond Rivera
12. **Many Colors** | Cultural Intelligence for a Changing Church by Dr. Soong-Chan Rah
13. **Not So Black and White** | An Invitation to Honest Conversations about Race and Faith by Reggie Dabbs, John Driver
14. **One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love** by John M Perkins
15. **Oneness Embraced** | A Kingdom Race Theology for Reconciliation, Unity, and Justice by Pastor Tony Evans
16. **Race Matters** by Cornel West
17. **Reparations** | A Christian Call for Repentance and Repair by Duke L. Kwon & Gregory Thompson
18. **Resurrection Hope** | A Future Where Black Lives Matter by Kelly Brown Douglas
19. **Seeing Jesus in East Harlem** | What Happens When Churches Show Up and Stay Put by José Humphreys
20. **Tears We Cannot Stop** | A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson
21. **The Condemnation of Blackness** | Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America by Khalil Gibran Muhammad
22. **The Cross of the Lynching Tree** by James Cone
23. **The God Who Sees** | Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzales
24. **The Message** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
25. **The Next Evangelicalism** | Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity by Dr. Soong-Chan Rah
26. **The Reconciliation Blues** | A Black Evangelical's Inside View of White Christianity by Edward Gilbreath

27. **Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria |** And Other Conversations About Race by Beverly Daniel Taum

U.S. HISTORICAL RACIAL COMPROMISE

1. **A History of Racial Injustice:** <https://calendar.eji.org/racial-injustice/sep/27> OR <https://eji.org/about/>
2. **Black History in 2 Minutes:** <https://blackhistoryintwominutes.com>
3. **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
4. **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents** by Isabel Wilkerson
5. **City of Inmates |** Conquest, Rebellion, and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles, 1771–1965 (Justice, Power, and Politics) by Kelly Lytle Hernández
6. **Code of the Street** by Elijah Anderson
7. **Dixie's Daughters |** The United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Preservation of Confederate Culture by Karen L. Cox
8. **Dear America |** With the Might of Angels by Andrea Davis Pinkney
9. **Fortune |** How Race Broke My Family and the World and How to Repair It All by Lisa Sharon Harper
10. **From Selma to Sorrow |** The Life and Death of Viola Liuzzo by Mary Stanton
11. **How Africa Shaped the Christian Mind |** Rediscovering the African Seedbed of Western Christianity by Thomas C. Oden
12. **Just Mercy |** A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
13. **An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States** by Kyle T. Mays, Shaun Taylor-Corbett
14. **I Bring the Voices of My People |** A Womanist Vision for Racial Reconciliation (Prophetic Christianity) by Chanequa Walker-Barnes
15. **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
16. **Let Justice Roll Down** by John M. Perkins, Shane Claiborne
17. **King |** A Live by Jonathan Eig

18. **Landscapes of Exclusion | State Parks and Jim Crow in the American South** by William E. O'Brien
19. **Long Walk to Freedom | The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela** by Nelson Mandela
20. **Medical Apartheid | The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present** by Harriet A. Washington
21. **A Time to Speak | The Story of a Young American Lawyer's Struggle for His City and Himself** by Charles Morgan Jr.
22. **Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass | an American Slave** by Fredrick Douglass
23. **Origins Of The Black Church | Pre-slavery—Missionaries In Africa** by Dr. Eric Washington Vanderbloemen: <https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/origins-pre-slavery-missionaries>
24. **Race Against Time | A Reporter Reopens The Unsolved Murder Cases of the Civil Rights Era** by Jerry Mitchell
25. **Race for Profit | How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership** by Keeanga-Yamahтта Taylor
26. **Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism** (AAR Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion) by Jonathan Tran
27. **The Spirit of Justice | True Stories of Faith, Race, and Resistance** by Jemar Tisby
28. **Stamped from the Beginning | The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America** by Ibram X. Kendi
29. **Stony the Road | Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow** by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
30. **The 1619 Project | A New Origin Story** by Nikole Hannah-Jones, The New York Times Magazine
31. **The Color of Law | A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America** by Richard Rothstein
32. **The Color of Money | Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap** by by Mehrsa Baradaran
33. **They Came Before Columbus | The African Presence in Ancient America** by Dr. Ivan Van Sertima
34. **The New Jim Crow | Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander
35. **The Warmth of Other Suns | The Epic Story of America's Great Migration** by Isabel Wilkerson

36. **When Affirmative Action Was White** | An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America by Ira Katznelson
37. **Women of the Somali Diaspora** | Refugees, Resilience and Rebuilding After Conflict by Joanna Lewis
38. **World Channel | How America Invented Race:** <https://worldchannel.org/episode/howpia-america-invented-race>
39. **We Will Be Free** | The Life and Faith of Sojourner Truth by Nancy Koester (Author), Alicia K. Jackson
40. **Where Do We Go from Here** | Chaos or Community? (King Legacy) by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Vincent Harding, Coretta Scott King
41. **Unsettling Truths** | The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery by Mark Charles

REPARATIVE HEALING

1. **A City Within a City** | The Black Freedom Struggle in Grand Rapids, Michigan by Todd E Robinson
2. **Anatomy of the Soul** | Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships by Curt Thompson
3. **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
4. **Decolonizing the Body** | Healing Body-Centered Practices for Women of Color to Reclaim Confidence, Dignity & Self-Worth by Kelsey Blackwell
5. **Enfleshing Freedom** | Body, Race, and Being (Innovations, African American Religious Thought) by M. Shawn Copeland
6. **God's Power to Help Hurting People** by Colleen Birchett
7. **Healing Racial Trauma** | The Road to Resilience by Sheila Wise Rowe
8. **Healing Leadership Trauma** | Finding Emotional Health and Helping Others Flourish by Nicholas Rowe, Sheila Wise Rowe
9. **Helping a Neighbor in Crisis** | How to Encourage When You Don't Know What To Say by Lisa Barnes Lampman
10. **Hermanas** | Deepening Our Identity and Growing Our Influence by Natalia Kohn Rivera

11. **How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess** | A Guide to Building Resilience and Managing Mental Health by Caroline Leaf
12. **I'm Still Here** | Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
13. **In My Grandmother's House** | Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit by Yolanda Pierce
14. **Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl Book** by Harriet Jacobs
15. **My Grandmother's Hands** | Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem
16. **Nobody Cries When We Die** | God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood by Patrick B. Reyes
17. **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** | It's Impossible to Be Spiritually Mature, While Remaining Emotionally Immature by Peter Scazzero
18. **Onbeing** | Diangelo and Menakem Towards Framework for Repair by Krista Tippelt:
<https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-towards-a-framework-for-repair>
19. **Open Wounds** | A Story of Racial Tragedy, Trauma, and Redemption by Phil Allen Jr.
20. **Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome** | America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing by Joy DeGruy Leary
21. **Shalom and the Community of Creation** | An Indigenous Vision by Randy Woodley
22. **Switch On Your Brain** | The Key to Peak Happiness, Thinking, and Health Kindle Edition by Dr. Caroline Leaf
23. **Suffering and the Heart of God** | How Trauma Destroys and Christ Restores by Diane Langberg
24. **The Black Woman's Guide to Overcoming Domestic Violence** | Tools to Move Beyond Trauma, Reclaim Freedom, and Create the Life You Deserve by Shavonne J. Moore-Lobban PhD ABPP, Robyn L. Gobin PhD
25. **The Body Keeps the Score** | Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma by Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D.
26. **The Complete Enneagram** | 27 Paths to Greater Self-Knowledge by Beatrice Chestnut, PhD
27. **The Enneagram for Black Liberation** | Return to Who You Are Beneath the Armor You Carry by Chichi Agorom

28. **The Inner Work of Racial Justice** | Healing Ourselves and Transforming Our Communities Through Mindfulness by Rhonda V. Magee
29. **The Little Book of Race and Restorative Justice** | Black Lives, Healing, and US Social Transformation (Justice and Peacebuilding) by Fania E. Davis
30. **The Quaking of America** | An Embodied Guide to Navigating Our Nation's Upheaval and Racial Reckoning by Resmaa Menakem
31. **The Spirituals and the Blues** (50th Anniversary Edition) by James H. Cone
32. **Trauma and Race** | A Path to Wellbeing by Micah L. McCreary
33. **We Drive It – Inside the North Phillips School of Innovation:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXh5YRSOnk&t=259s>
34. **Whistling Vivaldi** | How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do by Claude M. Steele
35. **A Beautiful Disaster** | Finding Hope in the Midst of Brokenness by Marlena Graves

SOUL CARE | SPIRITUAL FORMATION

1. **A Faith of Many Rooms** | Inhabiting a More Spacious Christianity by Debie Thomas
2. **A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants** by Rueben P. Job
3. **A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God** by Rueben P. Job
4. **A Just Passion | A Six-Week Lenten Journey** by Ruth Haley Barton (Contributor), Sheila Wise Rowe (Contributor), Tish Harrison Warren (Contributor), Terry M. Wildman (Contributor)
5. **A Many Colored Kingdom** | Multicultural Dynamics for Spiritual Formation by Elizabeth Conde Frazier, S. Steve Kang, Gary A Parrett
6. **A Rhythm of Prayer** | A Collection of Meditations for Renewal by Sarah Bessey
7. **A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 Mass Market** by W. Phillip Keller
8. **Abuelita Faith** | What Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength by Kat Armas
9. **The Anxious Generation** | How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness by Jonathan Haidt

10. **Advent Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals** | Mary Had a Baby by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn E. Thornton
11. **All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings** by Gayle Boss
12. **Anatomy of the Soul** | Surprising Connections between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices That Can Transform Your Life and Relationships by Curt Thompson
13. **Backs Against The Wall** | The Howard Thurman Story (2019) by https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVl_irB59IM
14. **Beyond the Suffering** | Embracing the Legacy of African American Soul Care and Spiritual Direction by Dr. Robert W. Kelleman, Karole A. Edwards
15. **Becoming Rooted** | One Hundred Days of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth by Randy Woodley
16. **Black Contemplative Preaching** | A Hidden History of Prayer, Proclamation, and Prophetic Witness by E. Trey Clark
17. **Black Liturgies** by Cole Arthur Riley <https://colearthuriley.com/writing/project-one-64g3t>
18. **Bread for the Resistance** | Forty Devotions for Justice People by Donna Barber
19. **Crisis Contemplation** by Barbara A. Holmes
20. **Disciplines of the Spirit (Howard Thurman Book)** by Howard Thurman
21. **Embodied Spirits** | Stories of Spiritual Directors of Color by Sherry Bryant-Johnson, Therese Taylor-Stinson, Rosalie Norman McNaney
22. **Emotionally Healthy Relationships Day by Day** | A 40-Day Journey to Deeply Change Your Relationships by Peter Scazzero
23. **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day** | A 40-Day Journey with the Daily Office by Peter Scazzero
24. **Every Moment Holy Volume II** | Death Grief and Hope by Douglas Kaine McKelvey
25. **Fasting** | Spiritual Freedom Beyond Our Appetites by Lynne M. Baab
26. **Forged in the Fiery Furnace** | African American Spirituality by Diana L. Hayes
27. **God Speaks Through Wombs** | Poems on God's Unexpected Coming by Drew Jackson
28. **Hallelujah, Anyhow!** | A Memoir by Barbara C. Harris

29. **Holy Disruption** | Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark by Tracy S. Daub
30. **Hush Harbor** | Praying in Secret by Freddi Williams Evans
31. **Kaleidoscope** | Broadening the Palette in the Art of Spiritual Direction by Ineda Pearl Adesanya
32. **Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman
33. **Journey to Transformation: 2021 Lenten Study** by Sharma Lewis
34. **Journey to Transformation: 2022 Lenten Study** by Sharma Lewis
35. **Joyous Advent Family Christmas Devotional** by Katara Washington Patton
36. **Joy Unspeakable** by Barbara A. Holmes
37. **Just Discipleship** | Biblical Justice in an Unjust World by Michael J. Rhodes
38. **Kaleidoscope** | Broadening the Palette in the Art of Spiritual Direction by Ineda Pearl Adesanya
39. **Liberating Church: A Twenty-First Century Hush Harbor Manifesto** by Brandon Wrencher, Venneikia Samantha Williams, Lynice Pinkard
40. **Lent of Liberation** | Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery by Cheri L. Mills
41. **Lenten Lamentations** | Preparing to Participate in God's Mosaic Kingdom:
<https://lentenlamentations.wordpress.com/2017/03/01/march-1-day-1-of-lent>
42. **Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
43. **Meditations of the Heart** by Howard Thurman
44. **Our Unforming** | De-Westernizing Spiritual Formation Kindle Edition by Cindy S. Lee
45. **Plenty Good Room** | A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals by Marilyn E. Thornton
46. **Praying Our Goodbyes** | A Spiritual Companion Through Life's Losses and Sorrows by Joyce Rupp
47. **Prophetic Lament** | A Call for Justice in Troubled Times by Soong-Chan Rah
48. **Psalms for Black Lives** | Reflections for the Work of Liberation by Gabby Cudjoe-Wilkes
49. **Race and the Cosmos** by Barbara A. Holmes
50. **Resting Place** | A Personal Guide to Spiritual Retreats by Jane Rubietta

51. **Rise Up, Shepherd!** | Advent Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery_
52. **Sacred Self-Care** | Daily Practices for Nurturing Our Whole Selves by Chanequa Walker-Barnes
53. **Seven Sacred Pauses** | Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day by Macrina Wiederkehr
54. **Sisters of the Spirit** by William L. Andrews
55. **Soul Care in African American Practice** by Barbara Peacock
56. **Spiritual Disciplines Handbook** | Practices That Transform Us Nov 19, 2015 Edition by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun
57. **Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership** | Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry by Ruth Haley Barton and Leighton Ford
58. **The Beatitudes** | From Slavery to Civil Rights by Carole Boston Weatherford
59. **The Cost of Discipleship** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
60. **The Desert Mothers** | Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness by Mary C. Earle
61. **The God Who Sees** | Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez
62. **The Paraclete Psalter** | A Book of Daily Prayer
63. **The Seven Story Mountain** by Thomas Merton
64. **The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice** | A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.
65. **The Way of the Heart** by Henri J. M. Nouwen
66. **This Here Flesh** | Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us by Cole Arthur Riley
67. **Voices of Lament** | Reflections on Brokenness and Hope in a World Longing for Justice by Natasha Sistrunk Robinson
68. **Walking with God through Pain and Suffering** by Timothy Keller
69. **Walking the Way of Harriet Tubman** | Public Mystic and Freedom Fighter by Therese Taylor-Stinson (Author)
70. **Walking with Our Ancestors** | Contemplation and Activism by Barbara Holmes

71. Were You There? | Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery
72. What is Lectio Divina | Ascension Presents by Fr. Josh Johnson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKYE0c3ik9k&ab_channel=AscensionPresents
73. What Makes You Come Alive | A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman by Lerita Coleman Brown
74. Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing (Volume 1) by Gayle Boss
75. Young, Gift, and Black | A Journey of Lament and Celebration Paperback by Sheila Wise Rowe
76. Journey with Jesus | Discovering the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius by Larry Warner
77. A Sanctified Art: <https://sanctifiedart.org/image-licensing-library>
78. Kelly Latimore Icons: <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/pages/gallery>

LINKS & PODCAST TO ENGAGE & EXPLORE

1. About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge: <https://open.spotify.com/show/6RNwASBcNjuK4tuqdaXzBn>
2. Black Lives Matter Global Network Network Foundation: <https://blacklivesmatter.com/>
3. Civil Righteousness by Jonathan Tremaine (JT) Thomas: <https://civilrighteousness.org>
4. Color of Change: <https://colorofchange.org/about/>
5. Colorism | Why Asian People Want to Be White | Cheyenne Lin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Olh-OhDPAw>
6. Corey Evan Leak: www.coreyevanleak.com
7. Decolonized Discipleship: <https://www.sistamatictheology.com/blog1/2018/2/6/decolonized-discipleship>
8. Dr. King's Impact On The Fight for Civil Rights In Northern Ireland:
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/dr-king-s-impact-fight-civil-rights-northern-ireland-n495701>
9. Equal Justice Initiative: <https://eji.org/>
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Creator, we lament with the land itself, Turtle Island who holds the bones
of our ancestors, who lost their liberty in 1776, dispossession masquerading as destiny.
We lament treaties broken
like promises made to trusting children.
We grieve fires extinguished, languages silenced, seeds scattered to the wind.
We mourn a nation that, 250 years on, still lies about its own founding.
Hear our cry, not for a return to a greatness that never was,
but for the humility to begin again:
to learn, at last, how to be good relatives to the whole community of creation.

A Lament at the Distance Between Freedom and Free by Author Unknown

Creator God, we lament with the bodies that labored unpaid,
whose names were traded like currency,
whose freedom arrived 2 years late and still arrives late in ways we're still counting.

We lament a 4th of July that declared liberty while chaining the hands that built the house of that
declaration. Emancipation masquerading as completion.

We grieve auction blocks and burning crosses,
church basements turned safe houses,
mothers who taught their children how to survive a system before they taught them how to read.

We mourn convict leasing dressed up as justice,
Black codes wearing the robes of law,
a new Jim Crow walking the same roads the old one walked, just in different shoes.

We mourn a nation that, 250 years on, still tells itself a founding story it has never fully reckoned with.

Hear our cry,
not for a return to an independence that was never ours to begin with,
but for the courage to tell the truth about what freedom has cost and who has paid it.
Give us the strength to lament without despair,
and the vision to imagine liberation not as delayed justice,
but as the ongoing work of becoming good kin to one another.

Wake Our Country Up, Oh Lord! by Author Unknown

Wake this country up Lord,
so that the evil of racism finds no home within.
Keep watch over this country's heart Lord,
and remove from it any barriers to Your grace, that may oppress and offend.
Fill this country's spirit Lord, so that it may give services of justice and peace.
And remind us Lord that You said,
"blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."
Amen.

Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr

GOD, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; a hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Litany for Racial Justice by the Voice from the Collective

Wise and loving God,
you have created, and are still creating,
a world rich with difference and diversity.
You have created all people in your image,
each expressing their being and living their life
in valid, special relationship with you.

For all this, we give you praise.

For historical acts of injustice and oppression
perpetuated against Aboriginal communities,
Black, and various Asian communities
in this abundant land of the First Nations:

Forgive us, merciful God.

For the times we have failed to recognize racism
in ourselves, in our church, in our society,
and the times we have failed to take action,

Forgive us, long-suffering God.

For complicity in systems of privilege and power
over those whose skin colour, culture, or creed
differ from those of the majority, even today:

Forgive us, compassionate God.

Grant us courage never to let a racist joke pass in our hearing,
commitment to insist on equal treatment of all persons and groups,
including ourselves if oppressed,
even at the risk of being unpopular or misunderstood:

We beseech you, God of justice.

Grant us patience in enduring periods of non-action,
persistence in resisting the evil of radical oppression,
and faithfulness in working toward racial justice
among your people, in the church, and in the world:

We beseech you, God of hope.

And grant us humility and wisdom to discern
when it is that your Spirit must come to accomplish
that which human beings and groups cannot.

We pray in the name of Jesus, himself
the bread of justice and the cup of solidarity.

Amen.

Three Collects for the United States by Sandy Ovalle

Sustainer of Life, who abundantly
nourishes all that breathes, teach us
to treat this land as the mother she is,
trusting that it is she who produces fruit and not our extractivist ways.
Let our labor regenerate and not exploit.
Give fair wages and enough rest to the farm worker,
distribute subsidies to the ones in need,
that no one will have billions while some go without shelter and food.
With gratitude, accept the offerings we bring to this land
that we may share in the joy of Christ
who fed a multitude with five loaves and two fish.

Ancient of Days, who carries the memory of all who have walked this land
from the Coahuiltecan to the Tongva,
the Igbo and the Toisanese,
uproot narratives that limit belonging and protection to white Christian people.
Shatter the memos that normalize the use of race, language, religion, or
line of work to enforce unjust laws.

Help us honor your image in every person, particularly those the state has deemed unworthy. May the
memory of creation, where everything and everyone had a place, inform the dream of a shared future
that we may embody the beloved community, where all needs are met, and no one is afraid.

Jesus Child, you who were carried
into foreign lands to be saved,
grant that we may receive those who seek refuge in this land

and that we tear down the laws that turn them away.
Embolden us to confront the cruelty inflicted upon them
as you confronted those who defiled your law of love.
Teach us to welcome, that we may
experience the rich blessing of shared community
by laying down our belief that our way is the most worthy way,
so we may know Christ who emptied
and humbled Christ's self.

A Prayer for a Gentle Crumbling of Empire by Lydia Wylie-Kellermann

Oh God,
who works through the hands of Shiphrah and Puah,
who parts the waters and turns tables,
who beats swords into plowshares,
and who embodies a refusal
to let death have the final word,
we pray for the collapse of the U.S. empire.

We pray that empires can fall
without guns,
without bombs,
but with singing,
and with rivers,
and with ancient, unending prayers.

We pray empires can fall
in a way that does not leave rubble,
but compost.
Rotting, smelly, dirty,
but packed with possibilities
of new life yet to come.

We pray empires can fall
and when all goes dark,
we realize we can see the stars again.

We pray that when empire falls
there will be queer-led dance parties
in the street, and mutual aid potlucks overflowing with peaches and tomatoes,
that we honor the dead and tell their stories, and celebrate the ways
we kept one another alive.

We pray all this to the one
who intervenes in history
and can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine.
May the walls come crumbling down.
Amen.

A Prayer of Subversive Thanksgiving by Julian Davis Reid

O God of Truth,
thank you for your voice that melts
the façade of U.S. exceptionalism.

O Trinity, thank you for exposing
the hypocrisy and corruption within
our three branches of government.

O Creator God, thank you for the witness of Indigenous communities who yet survive, who yet resist,
who yet wait patiently for life after whiteness to come.

O God of darkness, thank you
for walking with Black America through the fiery furnace of slavery's afterlife.
O Jesus the alien, thank you for standing with the Latinx community behind ICE detention center bars.
O Holy Spirit the quiet one, thank you for liberating Asians from the clutches of being model minorities.
O Holy Mirror, thank you for slowly freeing White America from the burden of supremacy.
O God of All Nations, thank you for listening to the prayers of Global South Christians who have prayed
against America's supremacy for years on end.

O God, thank you for being God all by yourself.
Thank you for being no stranger to Calvary.
Thank you for the women at the tomb who show us how to bury well.
Thank you for the hope of life after death.
Thank you, God.
Amen.

A Prayer of Confession and Release by Kat Armas

God of the cosmos, in this moment
of remembering, we refuse easy triumph and come instead with truth on our lips.
We confess how deeply we have been formed by empire, how its logic has shaped our desires, our
silences,
and our sense of what is normal.

There are times we have sought comfort at the expense of others' dignity and chosen safety over
solidarity.

Still, you call us back.
So, we lay down the ways
we have mirrored what harms
this world and release our grip
on control, on fear, and on scarcity.

Ground us in your mystery, a presence not contained by nation or border
but alive in what the world calls weak.
Remind us that we belong to you,
to the land, and to one another.
Hold us in your mercy, both those who have upheld injustice and those crushed by it.
Give us clarity and humble courage.
Teach us to walk in wholeness and liberation, to choose love that frees, justice that restores, and a
peace rooted in truth, so that we might honor your image in this fragile, beloved world.

Collective Prayers in the Tradition of Those Who Came Before

For the Families

El Roi (*the God Who Sees*), hold [Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and others] and every family who has buried someone taken by violence that should never have touched them. We will not rush their grief toward comfort. Let their anger have room. Let their sorrow have room. Walk with them through the unjust weight of all the tomorrows that were stolen. Be near them the way you were near the ones who wept at the tomb before you ever said a word about resurrection.

For the Ones Who Did the Harm

Judge of All the Earth, we do not know how to pray for the people who took these lives. We refuse to pray a quick redemption over them that skips past what they did. You alone see fully into what drove their hands. What we ask is not comfort for them, but truth: let what was hidden be exposed, let what was denied be named, let justice be real and not just spoken. If there is repentance to be found in them, let it be the kind that costs something, not the kind that costs nothing. Your love is not smaller than this. Your justice is not softer than this either.

For the Church

Ruach (*Breath/Spirit*), we thank you for a Church founded on your Word, a Word that has always asked more of us than singing and praying. Help us live like the answer to our prayers depends on what we're willing to do next. We were made for more than survival. Keep us honest with each other, keep us walking together even when the walking is hard, until the day your children rejoice as one body, not because we pretended the wounds weren't real, but because you healed them (Martin Luther King Jr.).

For Honest Unity

Yeshua, you prayed that your people would be one (John 17:21). We ask for a unity that doesn't skip the truth-telling to get there. Bring people across every color, class, and background to real repentance, not performed reconciliation, for the sin of racism in the church and beyond it. Give church leaders the courage to name what has been done, not just the desire to move past it. Strengthen those leading honest conversations across racial lines to be more than symbolic. Let your Word speak plainly to the justice our nation is crying out for, and let us actually listen. "Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good" (Heb. 10:24).

For the Way of Peace

Creator Sets Free, be present over every peace walk in our streets. Guide us in honest dialogue, not the kind that protects comfort, but the kind that tells the truth between neighbors, city leaders, church leaders, government officials, and organizers doing the work. Lead us toward real disarmament, real justice, and real freedom, for everyone, not just some (Howard Thurman).

For Systemic Justice

Adonai Tzedek (*God of Righteousness*), we ask for justice on earth that reflects heaven, not a justice bent by power. May every person's dignity and worth be recognized and protected, not granted as a favor. We name the systems built on the sin of white supremacy for what they are, and we ask that they be dismantled, not adjusted. Give wisdom to those doing the work of rebuilding something more honest in their place. We know our own hearts are not clean either. We ask for a justice rooted in the truth of who Christ is, one that moves from the individual soul to the whole shape of a society. "He is the Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just" (Deut. 32:4).

For Healing

Jehovah Rapha (*The Lord Who Heals*), heal what has been done to people because of the color of their skin. This is not abstract. It is redlining and it is mass incarceration and it is violence at the hands of those meant to protect. Remove the root of division and replace it with something real. Heal the ones carrying this trauma in their bodies, whether they can name why or not. Heal families. Heal communities. Push for the kind of policy change that makes healing possible, not just the kind that makes people feel better. Heal what has broken in education, healthcare, employment, the courts, and housing. "*I will restore health to you and heal your wounds,*" declares the Lord (Jer. 30:17).

For Those Learning the Truth

Spirit of Truth, give honest hearts to those beginning to see what racism has actually done and is still doing. Give the church the humility to have conversations about race that don't protect anyone's comfort, including its own. Let those conversations lead to real repentance and real repair, not just better feelings. Move this nation's whole way of talking about race from performance toward truth. "*Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak*" (Jam. 1:19).

For the Call to Justice

Great Spirit, you have never left it ambiguous what you require of us: to defend the ones with no one else defending them, to feed the hungry, to love even our enemies. Fill us with hope that doesn't depend on how things look right now. Remind us that we are enough for you, not because we've earned it, but because that was never the requirement. Let that truth carry us into loving mercy, doing justice, and walking humbly with you.

For Repentance, Personal and National

One Above Us All, search my heart and show me where I have been complicit, whether through what I've done or what I've allowed. Give me and this nation the kind of godly sorrow that leads to real repentance, not the kind that apologizes and changes nothing. Bring healing to the communities harmed by silence, by ignorance, and by inaction, ours included. Let repentance lead to actual restoration, not just relief from guilt. "If my people... turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

For Clarity in the Struggle

Giver of Breath, wake us up to what is actually happening in our cities, the powers and systems that sit in high places and do harm from there. Help us see clearly and respond faithfully, not with fear, but with the strength you've already given us. Guard us against distortion, against being worn down by lies, against giving up. Keep us steady, keep our eyes on you.

Prayer Guide is based out of American Bible Society, Lamentations 3, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Micah 6:8, Matthew 5:9, Psalm 82:3, James 1:19, Isaiah 1:17, Luke 11:42, Deuteronomy 32:4, Jeremiah 30:17, Psalm 89:14, Hebrew 10:24, and Deuteronomy 6:4-1



WHAT CAN WE DO?

As individuals as well as communities seeking to grow as allies and advocates, we are invited into a deeper journey... one that calls us beyond words into prayerful reflection, intentional action, and a closer alignment with God's heart. This journey is rooted in the deep wellsprings of African American history, spirituality, and the life of Jesus, drawing us into greater union with God as we stand with the marginalized, acknowledge the weight of systemic injustice, and allow Christ's love and justice to transform us.

Here are some practical steps to help us faithfully walk this path with open hearts and daily intention:

- 1. Make Space for Lament** – Recognize and honor the grief and exhaustion carried by the Black community. Lament is a sacred act that invites truth-telling and healing. As Cory Leak shares, *"We are living in a country that doesn't love us, and every day of our lives is emotionally taxing. We carry ancestral trauma in our bodies and the daily emotional tax of continually looking over our shoulder for anti-Black aggressions."*
- 2. Explore Your Own Family History** – Understanding our own story helps us reckon with history. Consider taking a DNA test or researching your genealogy. As Jaya Saxena notes, *"Learning your history is forced reckoning, asking you to consider whose stories you carry with you and which ones you want to carry forward."*
- 3. Support Black Churches and Nonprofits** – If you have the financial means, consider allocating resources from your budget as a tangible way to support and invest in Black-led ministries and organizations.
- 4. Integrate Anti-Racism Education** – Teach courses and engage in discussions on dismantling racial and caste-based hierarchies in church settings, such as new members' classes or sermon series (e.g., Sermon on the Mount, Elephant in the Room, Table Talks, Courageous Conversations).

5. **Build Bridges Through Fellowship** – Cultivate meaningful relationships across racial and cultural lines by collaborating with other churches and youth groups. Share meals and create intentional spaces for discussing justice.
6. **Engage with Diverse Voices** – Read, listen to, and learn from non-white authors, speakers, theologians, poets, artists, and creatives who offer wisdom and insight into faith and justice.
7. **Have Courageous Conversations in Family Spaces** – When confronted with racist remarks from relatives, respond with truth and love. These conversations, though difficult, can be transformative.
8. **Stand in Solidarity** – If called and able, show up physically in spaces of protest, bearing witness to injustice and advocating for change alongside Black communities.
9. **Seek Mentorship Beyond Your Own Racial Identity** – Be intentional about learning from Black leaders, pastors, and mentors who are intellectually rigorous and emotionally resilient scholars and theologians...not as a symbolic gesture but as a genuine step toward spiritual and communal growth.
10. **Remain Present in Challenging Spaces** – Instead of retreating to places of comfort, lean into communities that need sustained presence and engagement. Healing-centered practices help cultivate long-term transformation.
11. **Advocate for Accountability in Leadership** – Use your voice to call for transparency and justice in policing, education, healthcare, and housing policies. Sign petitions, write letters, and engage with local leaders to push for systemic change.
12. **Speak Publicly Against Racism** – Rather than reaching out privately to Black friends with concern, take a stand on your platforms. When faced with pushback, hold firm to truth and love.
13. **Embrace Discomfort as a Path to Growth** – Ask yourself, *“What is the next brave and right thing to do?”* Trust that transformation happens one courageous step at a time.
14. **Reevaluate Educational Choices** – Consider the impact of school systems on racial inequity. Reflect on what arises within you when confronted with the realities of systemic oppression in education.
15. **Acknowledge and Leverage Privilege for Good** – Recognize white or light-skinned privilege and use it to create access and opportunities for Black individuals and communities.
16. **Speak Truth to Power** – Be willing to challenge unjust systems, even when it means risking financial or social security. Trust in God’s provision.
17. **Commit Time and Presence to Advocacy** – Engage with local justice organizations, attend meetings, and be willing to invest your own time and body in the work of equity and reconciliation.

18. Cultivate Meaningful, Lasting Relationships – Move beyond one-time encounters and invest in ongoing friendships across racial lines. Transformation happens in the context of authentic community.

19. Learn from Thought Leaders in Racial Healing – Engage with voices like Robin DiAngelo and Resmaa Menakem. Listen to their conversation on racial repair:
<https://onbeing.org/programs/robin-diangelo-and-resmaa-menakem-towards-a-framework-for-repair/#audio>

Remember, this journey is not about checking off a list but about continual transformation. As you reflect on these steps, consider who you can invite to walk alongside you. May we each respond to God's call with humility, courage, and a love that bears witness to the justice and mercy of Christ.

LIVING OUT JESUS' CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

When individuals or communities seek to understand liberation in spiritual formation, we are stepping into the sacred work of drawing all humanity into the reality and union of God. We invite you to view this journey through the lens of African American spirituality with the ethics and life of Jesus, where we are called to embody love, justice, and compassion (Matthew 5-7). Reggie Williams' Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus offers guidance on this path, urging us to stand with the marginalized while acknowledging deep injustices in our world. Walking this narrow path of transformation leads to deeper union with God as well as one another. Here are practical ways to live faithfully into this journey:

Standing with the Marginalized

- 1. Walking with the Homeless:** Engage beyond handouts by building relationships, learning stories, and connecting people to resources.
- 2. Supporting Immigrant & Refugee Families:** Offer assistance with paperwork, language learning, or community integration.
- 3. Economic Support & Fair Hiring:** Promote diverse hiring, supplier diversity, financial literacy programs, and wage equity.

Advocating for Justice

- 1. Racial & Economic Justice:** Attend city council meetings, support policy changes, and challenge systemic inequities.
- 2. Justice-Focused Education & Media:** Advocate for fair school policies, discuss racism with children, and support diverse creators.
- 3. Faith & Civic Engagement:** Vote for justice-oriented policies, write to representatives, and support grassroots movements.

Faith in Action

1. **Praying for Justice & Mercy:** Incorporate Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:18 into personal and communal prayers.
2. **Spiritual Freedom Conversations:** Explore Jesus' mission of liberation and how it applies to physical, emotional, and societal freedom.
3. **Liberation through Service:** Partner with ministries focused on justice, support formerly incarcerated individuals, and address food insecurity.
4. **Hosting Justice Conversations:** Gather neighbors or church members to discuss ways to tangibly live out justice and mercy.

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